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1. CHANG Chih-chung left Nanking at noon on 29 January for Tihua via Hankow and Lanchow. His purported mission is the signing of a renewal of the trade pact with the USSR.
2. The actual agreement will give the Soviets powers in Sinkiang at least as wide as that which they held during SHENG Shih-tsai's regime. The sphere of influence may include Kansu; as well as Chinghai and Ninghsia. The treaty is said to be patterned after an agreement made by SHENG Shih-tsai.
3. Since acting president LI Tsung-jen and Premier SUN Fo have approved the treaty, CHANG signs on behalf of the Chinese Government.
4. In return for this agreement the USSR is to do one or both of the following:
 - a. Negotiate a settlement of the civil war favorable to the present Kuomintang Government; and/or
 - b. Protect Kuomintang interests in the northwest territory.

The USSR is said to have agreed in principle.

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